



Brigadier General James M. Richardson

Brigadier General James M. Richardson is a native of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and a graduate of the University of South Carolina. He is currently serving as the Deputy Commanding General of III Corps and Fort Hood. Prior to this assignment BG Richardson served as the Deputy Commanding General - Support of "America's First Team." BG Richardson also served as Executive Officer to the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army. He has served in joint assignments as the Brigade Commander of 101st Combat Aviation Brigade and the Battalion Commander of 3-101st Attack Helicopter Battalion, 101st Airborne Division. Prior to his joint assignments he served as the Chief of the Army Initiatives Group, and as a Strategic Planner for the Deputy Chief of Staff in the Pentagon.

Brigadier General Richardson's previous duties included command at the platoon through brigade level and staff assignments at the battalion through Army level. He served an overseas assignment in Korea and operational deployments including three deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and two in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Brigadier General Richardson is a graduate of the Armor Officer Basic Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky; the Aviation Officer Advanced Course at Fort Rucker, Alabama; the United States Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; the School of Advanced Military Studies at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and the National War College in Washington D.C. BG Richardson earned a Master of Science degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf clusters), the Meritorious Service Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters), two Air Medals with

Valor, two Air Medals, the Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Combat Action Badge, the Master Aviator Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Army Staff Badge.